

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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COUNTY FISCAL LETTER (CFL) NO. 98/99-40

TO: COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
COUNTY FISCAL OFFICERS
COUNTY AUDITOR CONTROLLERS
COUNTY PROBATION OFFICERS

SUBJECT: SHIFT OF COSTS FROM CalWORKs INITIAL
ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION PROGRAM CODE TO MEDI-CAL

REFERENCES: CFL NO. 97/98-40, DATED DECEMBER 18, 1997 AND
CFL NO. 97/98-52, DATED MARCH 25, 1998

The above referenced CFL's instructed counties to time study and claim to Program Code (PC) 615, Initial Eligibility Determination, activities common to CalWORKs, Food Stamps, and Medi-Cal eligibility determination. It was also stated that after federal approval, still pending, of the County Welfare Department Cost Allocation Plan, these common costs would be divided among CalWORKs, Food Stamps, and Medi-Cal. Consistent with the Fiscal Year 1998/99 budget assumptions and legislative direction, the California Department of Social Services is implementing a benefiting program allocation methodology with this CFL. This change is effective July 1, 1998 and will result in an adjustment to each county's CalWORKs program Single Allocation to reflect the shift of cost to the Medi-Cal Program. This allocation adjustment will be provided to counties in a separate CFL to be released by Contracts and Financial Analysis Bureau (CFAB).

This CFL transmits additional instructions for the September 1998 Quarter to establish PC 309, Medi-Cal Eligibility Common. THIS IS NOT A TIME STUDY CODE. PC 309 will only appear on the funding page of the County Expense Claim (CEC). The costs associated with PC 309 will be shifted from PC 615, Initial Eligibility Determination, after the Public Assistance Food Stamp (PAFS) shift occurs. The resulting costs will be split 50% to PC 309 and 50% will stay with PC 615 and charged to the CalWORKs Program. The funding for PC 309 is 0/0/100/0 (Federal/State/Health/ County funds). The shift of costs will occur automatically through the FoxPro System.

If you have any questions about the claiming instructions, please contact your County Fiscal Analyst at (916) 657-3440; questions regarding your CalWORKs allocation should be directed to your CFAB analyst at (916) 657-3806, and any questions about the FoxPro System, please call Darnell Lawrence at (916) 657-3430.

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